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Letter To The Editor

Mr. Lloyd Vaughan
Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sir,

Appomattox County has truly been blessed with really good, above average High School Students. We have not had troubles and strife like a lot of other communities have had. I feel this is largely due to the students themselves for it is their wish to do WELL.

Our upcoming Seniors of Appomattox County High School are working extra hard to raise funds to help offset the expense of their annual Senior Trip. One of their efforts is the Saturday car washes at our local banks. I would like to add how generous it is of the banks to provide the water, electricity, and the parking lot.

How many of us adults would give up our Saturdays and get out in blistering heat to wash cars? Not very many I am sure.

It is my understanding that our school officials are not happy about the student endeavors and are seeking a stop to it.

In a day and age where so few people are willing to work, it is beyond my understanding why anyone would want to STOP people from working. I would rather have my child working any day than to be loafing. These students need and deserve more and better support then they are getting. A rose blooms best when it has a trellis to lean on.

Do you Readers care enough to support this cause? If so WRITE the school superintendent and let him know YOUR opinion counts too.

Thank you,
Mrs. Phyllis B. Tomlin
Spout Spring, Va.

Scouts Receive Badges

The boys shown above, members of Scout Pack 546 have received their patches for the help they gave the Appomattox County roadside clean-up on April 20.

Pictured presenting patches is Mrs. Mildred Thompson, Den Mother, and boys from left to right, Roger Steinkamp, R. D. Hudson, Larry Johnson, Eugene Thompson, F. C. Carter, Randy Scott. Not available for photo were Haven Fields, Jr., Michael Roach, Todd Neathawk, Scott Drinkard, Bobby Carter, Jay Chenault, Jay Wingfield, Kevin Garrett, and Jack Williams.

CHILDREN SEE FIRE TRUCK - Children attending Vacation Bible School at Liberty Baptist Church last week had an opportunity on Thursday to "inspect" a fire truck, courtesy of the Appomatox Volunteer Fire Department. It was an interesting experience for the children and was appreciated very much.

The Sunday School Lesson

COMMENTS BY HERBERT C. BRADSHAW

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JULY 25, 1976

Topic: Scripture Alone
Scripture- 2 Kings 22:1-13; Luke 4: 16-21; Romans 1: 16-17; 15:4; Galations 2: 15-21; 3:23-29

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scripturers we might have hope. Romans 15:4

With this week's International Sunday School lesson, the studies in the Bible and church history move from the medieval into the modern period. The modern history of the Christian Church begins with the Protestant Reformation. Since the Reformation substituted the Scriptures as the basis of authority in the Church for the Church itself, "Scripture Alone is an appropriate topic.

The Latin phrase, scriptura sola, by the Scriptures alone, was one of the great emphasis of the Reformation. Another was fide sola, by faith alone. The two concepts are complementary, for the latter is found in the former.

In the 14th. century John Wycliffe had held that Scripture is the supreme authority in the Christian religion and had translated the Bible into English. John Hus, later in that century and in the early 15th., adopted Wycliff's views. Their efforts at reformation were short lived. The lasting impact of the concept, Scripture alone, was initiated my Martin Luther, the spread of whose teachings the Church of Rome failed to block, as it had done with both Wycliff and Hus.

Luther graduated in law at the University of Erfurt, but then, at the beginning of a great spiritual struggle within himself as he sought salvation and peace, became a monk. The head of the Augustine order, to which he belonged, taught him that God is merciful and assigned him to teach philosophy in the University of Wittenburg. In the work of an earlier monk, Bernard of Clairvaux, Luther found expounded the concept of God's grace to sinners. He studied the Bible intensively. As he studied the Letter to the Romans, the significance of Paul's statements). (3',28), "We hold that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the law," and (5:1), "Since we are justified by faith" dawned on him. Out of this study was born his theology of justification by faith, one of the basis tenets of Reformation doctrine, usually summarized as "the just (justified) shall live by faith." Salvation comes by faith in Jesus Christ, not from anything man does or even through the dispensation of the Church.

As he continued to study the scriptures, Luther used them increasingly in his preaching and teaching. He applied their message to contemporary life. Students and townspeople flocked to his lectures and his sermons. He built up a strong following in Germany before he broke with the Roman Church.

The cause of Luther's excommuniction from the Church of Rome was his protest against the sale of indulgences. Indulgences had long been sold as a means of financing church projects and even some of state. The benefit to the purchaser was a lightening of the pains of purgatory. In 1517 Pope Leo X authorized the sale of special indulgences in Germany with half the proceeds to go toward financing the building of St. Peter's Church in Rome, the other half to reimburse Albert of Bradenburg to repay the money he had borrowed to buy the archbishopric of Mainz. Albert, who administered the sale, told the sellers that these indulgences granted full remission of all sins and relief from all the pains of purgatory. Luther protested this interpretation and the sale in the 95 Theses.

The battle was joined with the pope. Germans in large numbers, from peasant to prince, supported Luther. Out of this controversy the Lutheran Church came into being, and the example was set for those dissatisfied with the Roman Church and its practices. Huldreich Zwingli in Zurich and John Calvin in Geneva carried Reformation principles farther than Luther, and the Anabaptists went even farther to remold the Church according to the New Testament model, an objective of the Reformation.

The Protestant Reformatiin was not a movement to destroy but to preserve the heritage of Scriptural Christianity. "Scripture Alone" was the authority, and to make it available, the Bible was translated into the language of the people. "By faith alone" the individual is saved from the power of sin and restored to the family of God.

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Campbell County Literary Contest Winners Announced

Campbell County winners for the 1976 Bicentennial Literary Contest were named during the July 4th celebration of Ye Olde Patriots Day in Rustburg.

Sherry Wilson, a fifth grader at Mountain View Elementary School, was the savings bond winner in Division K through 5. Matthew Rhodes, a first grader at J. J. Fray School, received a certificate in recognition of his work.

Kimberly Boozer of Rustburg Middle School received the savings bond for grades 6 through 8 division. Clinton Turner of Brookville Middle School was awarded a certificate.

April Tweedy of Rustburg High School received the savings bond for the high school division.

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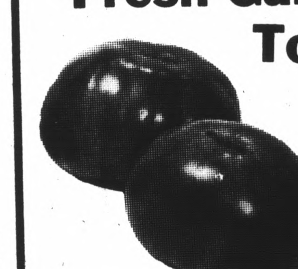

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